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SUBJECT: NATO ECONADS: BASKET II CONSULTATION ON
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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH M.P. MICHEL, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
TECHNICAL COOPERATION SECTION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
EMBASSY OFFICER REVIEWED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL OUTLINING POS-
SIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT AREAS (PARAGRAPH 2 REFTEL) AND
US CRITERIA FOR THEIR PROPOSAL FOR DISCUSSION (PARAGRAPH 3
REFTEL). EMBOFF STRESSED USG VIEW THAT NUMBER OF TOPICS
PROPOSED SHOULD BE MINIMIZED, OPTIMALLY NO MORE THAN ONE
OR TWO.

2. GON ACQUANINTED WITH ISSUE AND HAD PREPARED OWN LIST OF
FOUR AREEAS AS POTENTIAL AGENDA ITEMS: (1) TRANSBOUNDARY
AIR POLLUTION STRESSING LONG RANGE ASPECTS, (2) CONTROL OF
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TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND TOXIC WASTES, (3) LOW AND NON-
WASTE TECHNOLOGY AND WASTE RECYCLING, (4) CONSERVATION
OF SPECIES OF FLORA AND FAUNA IN DANGER OF EXTINCTION.
IN ADDITION, MICHEL NOTED AREA GON FIND PARTICULARLY
INAPPROPRIATE RPT INAPPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION: ENVIRON-
MENTAL PROBLEMS FROM THE USE OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS
AND PESTICIDES.

3. MICHEL CONCEDED STRATEGY OF LIMITING NUMBER OF AGENDA ITEMS, BUT DOUBTED LIMITATION COULD BE HELD TO ONE OR TWO. HE STRESSED GON WILLING TO WORK WITH OTHER NATO PARTNERS IN DEVELOPING VIABLE STRATEGY BUT UNDERSCORED NECESSITY OF AVOIDING POSSIBLE EASTERN BLOCK CHARGE THAT AGENDA TOO RESTRICTED THUS STIFLING SCIENTIFIC INTERCHANGE.

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